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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—DEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

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CHINA.—Macao, Morris A. de MELLO & Co. Saylors, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLAS & Co., FOOCHOW, HENG & Co., Shanghaia, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL RU CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$2,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,

PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURTON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSELLA, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYON, CALGARY, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANKS OF LONDON.

MESSRS C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained or application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "

" 12 " " 5 1/2 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation.

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALKEWELL, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—W. REINERS, Esq.

H. HOPKINS, Esq.

M. E. SASSON, Esq.

HON. F. B. JOHNSON, Esq.

C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq.

A. P. MOYER, Esq.

W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

F. D. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, RYAN CAMERON, Esq.

London BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First.

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurance as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

Notices of Firms.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

DURING my Absence from Hongkong Mr. C. A. SCHULTZ will be in Charge of the Company's Office.

A. SUENSON,

Superintendent,

Hongkong, May 11, 1882.

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GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

I HAVE this Day taken CHARGE of the Company's OFFICE.

C. A. SCHULTZ,

Hongkong, May 11, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has Admitted Mr. M. L. SALAMON into PARTNERSHIP from this date, and the BUSINESS in future will be Conducted under the Style of "HOLMES & SALAMON."

(Signed) GEORGE HOLMES.

Queen's Road Central,

1st May, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm CEASED on the 30th April, 1882.

REISS & Co.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned is the Firm of Messrs. D. OLLA & Co., of Amoy, FOOCHOW, TAKAO and TAIWANFOO, has CEASED from the 30th of April, 1882.

E. N. MEHTA.

B. S. MEHTA.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MESSRS KYNCH & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM,

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881.

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MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

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NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY commenced BUSINESS as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS at Amoy, FOOCHOW and TAIWANFOO, under the Style of "MEHTA & Co."

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MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS: THREPPAL'S Export PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S *** DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Five OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILLERY MOUSSEAU (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
HAVE REMOVED
to their
NEW AND EXTENSIVE
WAREHOUSES,
No. 53, Queen's Road East
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT).

WHERE they have special facilities for conducting their Town and Harbour Businesses, and trust to merit a continuance of Public Confidence and Support.

A FULL STOCK OF STORES,
WINES, &c.,
ALWAYS ON HAND, INCLUDING

FRESH YORK HAMS,
CHRISTMAS CAKES,
TESSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS,
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.—

PICNIC TONGUES,
COCONUTINA,
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA,
LIBERIA & EPP'S COCOA,
FRENCH PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS,
MINCEMEAT,
CHOCOLATE—MENIER,
SAUSAGES,
BRAINS.

ISIGNY BUTTER,
DANISH BUTTER,
BREAKFAST TONGUES,
ANCHOVIES,
ASPARAGUS,
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS,
CHAMPAGNES—

HEDDELE'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL,
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSAUDIN,
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX,
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts,
CHATEAU LAFITE, " "
IERS, GRAVES, "
BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACCHINI'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO,

SACCHINI'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY,
BISCUIT DUTCHER & Co.'s BRANDY,
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY,
KINLAW'S LL WHISKY,
ROYAL GLENDEAN WHISKY,
CHAKTRUSSUE,
MARASCHINO,
CURACAO,
ANGOSTURA,
HONEY & ORANGE BITTERS
&c., &c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CANTON and
SAUCIERS, pints and quarts,
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts,
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

TOPOCAN BUTTER,
Eastern and California CHEESE,
Bonoclo CODFISH,
Primo HAMS and BACON,
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER,
PICKLED OX-TONGUES,
Family PIG-POK in legs and pieces,
Paragon MACHEREL in 5 lb cans,
Beast Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans,
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES,
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT,

COMB HONEY in Original Frames,
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS,
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS,
Lunch TONGUE,
McCart's Sugar LEMONADE,
Clam CHOWDER,
Smoked SALMON,
Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans,
&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose,
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES,
Soda BISCUITS,
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT,
OATMEAL,
HOMINY,
CORNMEAL,
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR,
RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to
25 cents.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at
Manufacturer's Prices.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.

OAKUM,
TAR.

TURPENTINE,
PAINTS and OILS.

Hongkong, May 17, 1882.

Entertainment.



Insurances.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discount.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £2,000,000, PAID-UP £200,000.

PAID-UP RESERVE FUND £50,000.

Hongkong, May 12, 1882. my19

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against
FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Having been appointed Agents for
the above Company, the Undersigned
is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at
Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent, M. B. M. S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. my27

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000.

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000.

Annual Premium £250,000.

HONGKONG, May 15, 1882. my22

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurance at current rates.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent, M. B. M. S. Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1882.

YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) ... £1,420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE ... £1,230,000.00

Special Reserve Fund ... £1,200,533.95

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATIONS (6th April) ... £1,940,533.95

April, 1882.

Directors.

H. D. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. MEYERINK, Esq.

J. H. PINCKNEY, Esq.

A. J. M. INVERHARITY, Esq.

G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

MESSRS RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

MESSRS BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Barbican.

HONGKONG, May 12, 1882.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent.

68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS are au-
thorized to be distributed among all Contributors
of Business (whether Shareholders or not)
in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, May 8, 1882. my82

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at
1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, they
are prepared to issue POLICIES of INSURANCES
against FIRE on the usual Terms.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January 1882. my12

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessel, and on Hulls
of Vessels in Harbours, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Orca.

S. H. S. (in d.) No. 1076—1 case Perfum-
ery, 1 J. Or. fr. M. S. Co.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 2, 1882.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office
are regularly filed for the inspection of
Advertisers and the Public.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glendale* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods—with the exception of Oil—
are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
1 p.m. To-day, the 12th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
19th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 12, 1882. my19

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glendale* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be ob-
tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day, the 15th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
18th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 15, 1882. my22

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

America is not only extending her cotton area, but her cut-turp per acre is also increasing, her total production being over five times that of India, having attained to nearly 7,000,000 bales of 400 lbs. each. The cotton spinning industry is also making marvellous strides in the same country, the invested capital in which aggregates to £42,000,000. The annual consumption of cotton in the States is one-third the total production. There are 750 mills in operation, affording employment for 175,000 operatives. The out-turn of cloth is estimated at 627,000 lbs., (averaging 32 yards per lb.) valued at £39,000,000 per annum.

A proposal or suggestion of a rather novel character has been put forward by Dr. McCosh for the formation of harbours of refuge for small craft and fishing boats. The floating barrier suggested will be circular, 300 and 400 feet inner and outer diameter, so as to give a depth of 50 feet to the concentric ring. It is to be constructed of Indian-rubber, eair, or ratan; made fast to anchors both on its inner and outer circumferences; with four avenues for entrance and exits to be opened and shut as occasion requires. If the Doctor imagines that the resistance that would be offered by this trifling obstacle is sufficient to break wave force, he can have no conception of the pranks that Neptune can play even with 27-ton concrete blocks. He is evidently unaware that the force of the sea has been known at Wick to move a solid piece of masonry 45 feet wide and weighing 1400 tons!

No sooner are the rude barriers interposed arbitrarily between the gigantic markets representing the wants of the millions than the Company here have been perfected by the Agent of the Circuit.

The Ring in which the performance will take place has been constructed of timbers on a plan such as the leading Circuses of Europe and America use. 500 gas jets will illuminate the entrance to, and the interior of, the tents.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

ENGLAND AND FRANCE AT ONE ON THE CRISIS

IN EGYPT.

LONDON, May 16.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question, said that a complete understanding exists between England and France in regard to Egypt, and that the United Squadrons were now on the way to Alexandria.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The eclipse of the sun, to which we referred last night, was observable this afternoon for about an hour, and was remarkably distinct.

This morning a heavy thunderstorm broke over Hongkong. The lightning was extremely vivid, and rain fell very heavily, a rise of several feet being recorded at the Reservoir.

CHINA'S Circus and Manegro left Manjuk by the steamer *Diamond* for Hongkong yesterday, and will probably arrive here to-morrow (Thursday) evening. If possible the first performance will be given on Friday evening. All the arrangements for the reception of the Company here have been perfected by the Agent of the Circuit.

The Ring in which the performance will take place has been constructed of timbers on a plan such as the leading Circuses of Europe and America use. 500 gas jets will illuminate the entrance to, and the interior of, the tents.

Mr. WARDOR, Mr. Hodson, and Mr. Baker, lately the engineers of the Marquis de Campo's steamer *Leos XIII.*, proceed to England to-morrow (11th) by the mail steamer. Their passage money has, in each case, been paid by the Colonial Government, on their binding themselves to refund the same when they recover their claims in respect of such passage money from the owners of the steamer.—*Singapore Times*.

APPARENTLY the Shanghai folks have abandoned their tender treatment of the "leper," and are now going in for severe measures. The *Coroner* writes:—Lesors in Shanghai should take heed and reform on the part of this authority to this depreciation of a British commodity in a market where it ruled supreme. We are now, only concerned with the former. The finding out that it does not pay to export adulterated cotton-goods to China. The Nemesis of British trade is overtaking them in India and China.—Local production in the end will be the chief competitor in the market, with some possibility that if they have not realized it, and are daily purchased, experience of these markets being closed against them. The mischief is irreparable. It is never too late to mend; and British manufacturers being desirous of restoring the piece-goods trade with China to the right line, it must be occupied in that country will not only take pains to get back their gone name, but will, we are sure, under the incentives that beset them, leave foreign competition far and away behind them as regards excelling in cheapness and superiority of their products.

While the world has been speculating on the designs of France in reference to the Isthmus of Kraw—canal or railway?—and

wondering at the inertness of England as regards a matter apparently affecting her interests to no inconsiderable extent as regards the East, the British Government have been quietly elaborating a scheme of intermarine communication which will take a good many by surprise. It has, we learn, been definitely arranged that Bangkok and Mergui, the southern limit of British Territory in Tonassiria, are to be connected by rail. Instructions have been already issued for the extension of the British telegraph line from Tavoy to Mergui. Each Government will, we believe, be responsible for the execution of the portions of the railway in their respective territories; but there is some possibility of the concession being granted by both Governments, with liberal support, to a proprietor, a the simplest and cheapest mode of constructing and working such undertakings. The railways in India and Burma are now passing from the hands of Government into those of private companies possessing the large means requisite for purchase. We are informed that Major Hughes' recent visit to Bangkok was connected with this railway project—long contemplated in the dark by the British authorities. The hills of Tavoy and Mergui have been pronounced to be in a very high degree suitable for tea, coffee, and cinchona; while the low land at their base, representing the Northern limit of the Malayan tin field, stretching from Banca and Bileton in the South, are rich in stanniferous deposits which are now being worked by the agency of Chinese. The peaks of some of the mountains are said to be adapted for the best hill station in the sea-board of the East. Siam would be placed in closer relation with their dependencies on the Indian Ocean—Junkalang and Quaddah; and, so far as Bangkok is concerned, she would be practically independent of any other Western route. There would be some slight in convenience from landing and shipping at the Western terminal of the proposed railway—a small difficulty, however, and comparatively insignificant when compared with those presented by other schemes. This will, we anticipate, solve the question of the trade of South-Western China, which could be diverted down the Mekong to Bangkok and thence by rail to Burma and India; the opposite procedure holding good as regards the products and wares of the last-named countries. This would in no way interfere with the Northern trade route, referred to lately in our columns, from Assam to Tz-chuen, through the head waters of the Brahmapootra and the Yang-tse-kiang. It is satisfactory to find the British authorities far from being, as they are generally credited with being, indifferent to the interests of British trade, prestige, and influence in the East; while the action of the Siamese Government will stand out in bold relief when contrasted with that of China in regard to the introduction of railways. The fate of the Shanghai-Woo-sung Railway has become historical in railway enterprise!

long ago, decided on. The *Duc d'Elbing* is an armour-hulled frigate of a new class to the Russian navy. She has a loaded displacement of 4,438 tons, has engines of 5,400 horse-power nominal, and is armed with four 8-in. (225 pounds) rifle broadside-loading guns, and two 30-pounders. She carries a large crew. The *Duc d'Elbing* will no doubt be accompanied by four or five Russian corvettes and sloops now about due in Japan from Australia and other countries. Their names, we believe, are *Strelak*, *Platina*, *Rakoth*, *Zabiacca*, and two or three others. The French fleet comprises the *Victorine* (ironclad), the new corvettes *Villars*, *Kersaint* and *Latin*. The English fleet comprises the *Iron Duke* (ironclad), *Vigilant* (tender), *Curagao*, *Chrysanthemum* and *Encounter* (corvettes), *Albatross*, *Daring*, *Flying Fish*, *Pegasus* and *Sir Lancelot*, and some gunboats. The American force consists of the *Severn* (corvette), the *Richmond*, *Alert*, and other vessels to be considered as in reserve. The German navy can be well represented by the new and powerful iron (wood-cased) corvette *Stosz*. And we judge by our *Tientsin Correspondent's* letter that the two new gun-vessels, each of which carries two new pattern Armstrong 25-ton guns, of so far unequalled power, will be available. Besides these two extraordinary vessels gunboats may be sent from the Chilean fleet, armed with 35-ton guns, also of the most recent pattern.

ANOTHER CONVICTION FOR ALLOWING A CHILD TO REMAIN IN A BROTHEL.

Ho Tai Ngai was fined \$10, or, in default of payment, three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, for allowing a girl under 12 years of age to remain in her brothel in Hollywood Road on the 16th instant.

offense of selling pig's blood in Third Street this morning.

PUGILISTS.

P.C. Prior arrested three coolies in Queen's Road West, yesterday about one o'clock, for engaging in pugilistic exercises. They were each fined 50 cents, or three days' imprisonment.

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Visitors' Column.

NOTICE:

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ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT

SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES,

MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF

BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA

AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 18th day of May, 1882, at noon, the Company's S. S. *O. U. S.*, Commandant RAPET, with MAIDS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until noon of 17th May, 1882.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 17th May, 1882. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, May 9, 1882.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public

Gardens.

City Hall, Library (5,000 volumes) and

Museum, —Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque

retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with the Pelder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club,

German Club, Supreme Court, &c.,

within a stone's-throw.

Lusitano Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c.,

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For half a year ended 31st Dec., 1881.—Report issued in October, above 1st interim Bonus and Dividend for 1881.—To 30th April, 1881.—For year 1881—5. For year 1880—5.

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